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US women one game from glory

The U.S. women's national soccer team took another step toward destiny yesterday, overcoming a tenacious French attack for a 3-1 victory in the World Cup semifinals. They'll play Japan — which beat Sweden, 3-1 — for the title on Sunday. {page 20}

Survey: T employees afraid to speak out

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MassDOT officials out unpaid

BOSTON. MassDOT Secretary Jeffrey Mullan announced yesterday that Helmut Ernst, the District 6 highway director, has been placed on unpaid administrative leave, pending an investigation into comments made in Sunday's Boston Globe. Ernst suggested that DOT officials had been trained not to leave a paper trail when issues arose within the agency. SHNS

Bomb. Scare

▶ A member of the Boston Police Bomb Squad inspects the newspaper box.

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Suspicious bag in Copley Square

The Boston Police Bomb Squad responded to a suspicious bag in a newspaper box outside of the Fairmont Copley Plaza yesterday morning. Streets were closed and traffic was diverted while units, including K-9s, made sure the bag didn't contain explosives. METRO

MassDOT staff wants improved conditions

- In survey, MassDOT workers complain about equipment and training
- Employees also say work should be free from bullying and nepotism

Low morale, inadequate staffing and poor management communication made the list of concerns MassDOT employees gave in a recent survey asking them about their work environments.

Only 2,000 workers completed the survey, of the 10,000 distributed, which officials said proves many employees might be scared to say anything bad about the conditions.

The agency-distributed survey asked T bus and train operators, administrative personnel and a handful of other divisions managed by MassDOT for their opinions.

But 77 percent of those asked to take the multiple choice and open-ended questionnaires didn't do it.

"They were afraid to respond because they thought [their comments] could be tracked down and there could be retaliation," said Andrea Speares-Jackson, member of MassDOT's Compensation and Labor Subcommittee.

Speares-Jackson said in some instances workers scrawled, "this is a waste of time," on the questionnaire and turned it back in.

1K

Number of employees who answered last year's survey.

The highway and transit divisions were two of the top groups that responded.

MBTA GM Rich Davey said past managerial operations that differ from his own might have played a role in fears of retaliation.

"Employees take pride in their work, but like me, they can get frustrated with a lack of resources," he said.

In the "Your Thoughts" section of the survey, responders wrote that nepotism, bullying and favoritism needed to be eliminated from the workplace.

Workers also noted new employees shouldn't be rushed to the front line and should get more training, managers shouldn't always side with customers when there are complaints, and new equipment and tools are needed.

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In the news

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The amount of kilowatt hours of energy the T uses each year, making it the largest single consumer in the state. The data was presented at yesterday's MassDOT meeting. METRO

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▶ Szymanski

Alleged NU drug dealer held in jail

BOSTON. Prosecutors argued yesterday that a Northeastern University graduate student poses a danger to the community and should be held in jail pending his open drug and threat cases.

Dennis Szymanski is facing drug charges for allegedly driving to Philadelphia to sell drugs to a government informant and then creating fake e-mail and Facebook addresses to threaten that informant and his girlfriend.

Prosecutors filed their request yesterday and Szymanski's lawyer asked that his client be released on conditions. METRO

Revere man too dangerous

REVERE. A Revere man will remain behind bars pending his trial on charges that he fired at least six shots at an ex-girlfriend's East Boston home.

Prosecutors on Tuesday convinced a judge that Koshin Abdullahi, 36, poses too great a threat to be released. METRO

Naked man taunts T police

A man was arrested at Andrew Station for allegedly threatening to kill a bus driver before stripping off his clothes and inviting responding officers to "break his balls."

Transit police arrested Duane Brennan, 53, Tuesday and charged him with indecent exposure, disorderly conduct and threats to commit a crime.

Police interviewed Brennan, who allegedly became unruly and took off all of his clothing, shouting at officers "If you want to break my balls, here they are."

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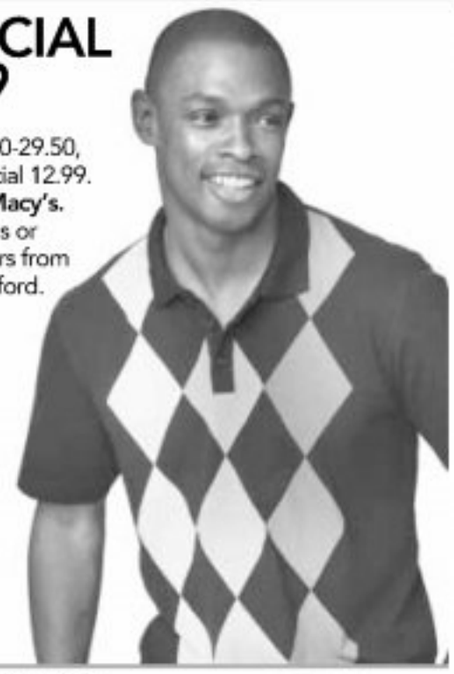

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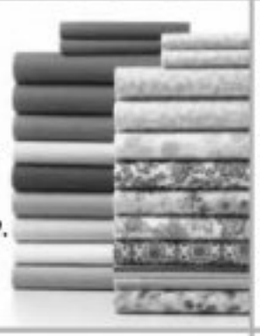

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▶ Masked man's items

Masked man charged in robberies

A 42-year-old Boston man was arrested early yesterday morning, and police suspect he is responsible for as many as a dozen robberies along Newbury Street and in the Fenway area.

Antonio Roman was caught in an alleyway behind Newbury Street about 2 a.m. when officers saw him jump from an air conditioning unit.

Police found a black backpack nearby and discovered it contained a large pry bar, latex gloves, a black mask and other tools.

Roman allegedly told police was getting the bag to break in and admitted to other burglaries.

Police said that he mostly stole clothing and one burglarized store reported they were missing $56,000 worth of merchandise.

Roman has so far only been charged with yesterday's attempted burglary, but will likely face charges for up to a dozen burglaries dating back to May.

He pleaded not guilty and was held on $15,000 cash bail. METRO/MN

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▶ Thomas Donahue, seen walking into court with his mother Patricia, was one of four family members of Bulger's alleged victims allowed to speak at Greig's hearing yesterday.

Girlfriend will stay in prison

◗ Whitey's counterpart behind bars for now ◗ Victims' families speak

After two days and about four hours of court hearings, Catherine Greig agreed to be voluntarily held in jail as her lawyer prepares more documents to try to convince a federal judge to release Greig to home confinement.

Yesterday, she agreed to be held until a judge can review those documents and make a decision.

It is not clear when that decision will be made.

Family members of the alleged victims of Greig's boyfriend, accused mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger, spoke at her hearing in an attempt to keep her behind bars as she awaits her trial for allegedly harboring Bulger.

Greig, seated with her back to the podium, looked straight ahead and did not glance at the family members as they spoke.

"In my eyes … she's an evil woman," said Steven Davis, whose sister, Debra, was murdered.

Greig's attorney, Kevin Reddington called Bulger associate Kevin Weeks to testify. Weeks said Greig would sit on a bench and feed birds while he and Bulger talked "business."

"Her only crime is a crime of passion — falling in love," Reddington said of Greig.

Prosecution witness and FBI Special Agent Michael Carazza continued his testimony from Monday. Prosecutors tried to show the judge that Greig willingly aided Bulger and concealed both of their identities to evade capture.

Daily tasks

Prosecutors and an FBI agent provided some details yesterday on how Bulger and Greig lived their lives while hiding out in Santa Monica, Calif.

- An FBI agent discussed interviewing a hairdresser who cut, colored and styled Greig's hair.
- The hairdresser said Greig would sometimes show up with a Whole Foods grocery bag.
- The fugitive duo apparently kept up to date on current events and subscribed to the Los Angeles Times.
- In a box containing money, authorities also found a Bed Bath & Beyond mailer as well as a container of Gas-X.

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Thousands to attend Boston's big beer bash

- 3,000 people expected at sixth annual celebration
- Hop to 26 bars from Kenmore Square to Allston
- Creator quits day job, becomes professional partier

What started as a buddy's birthday celebration snowballed into a full-blown business for John Vergato and Eric Dunphy.

Two weeks ago, Vergato quit his day job to concentrate on "Great Boston Experiences," a start-up company that hosts events like this Saturday's "Great Boston Beer Marathon" in the Fenway area, one of the biggest bar crawls in America.

Now in its sixth year, the beer marathon originally started as a pub-crawl-style birthday party for a co-worker.

Through Facebook and word of mouth, Vergato and his friends got more than 750 people to turn up.

This year, they are expecting close to 3,000.

"Three of us started at the same company doing medical software, and we were cubicle monkeys," said Vergato. "We started talking about what we should do for a birthday and it just spiraled really unexpectedly."

For an advanced $25 ticket, the Boston bash this weekend gets partygoers a discount on food, a swag-bag full of gifts, a gold event shirt, a Viking hat and a day pass to 26 bars.

From Kenmore Square to Allston, boozers can hit all the spots along the route.

Vergato said since quitting his job to concentrate on the party business, he now plans on branching out to launch similar gatherings in New York City.

"It was just something we wanted to do for fun," he said. "Now I tell my parents I run beer marathons."

JEREMY PARKER

▶ Participants from last year's Great Boston Beer Marathon enjoy a cold one along the way.

If you go

- **What:** The Great Boston Beer Marathon
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Missing NYC boy found dead in trash

Brooklyn man killed 8-year-old Leiby Kletzky in a 'panic,' cops say Child's feet found in refrigerator

Brooklyn, New York's Hasidic Jewish community is reeling with the news that one of their own is charged with killing an 8-year-old boy.

A frantic 48-hour search for Leiby Kletzky ended grimly yesterday when police discovered his remains in a Dumpster. Levi Aron, 35, was charged with the murder last night.

The nightmare began Monday when Kletzky's parents agreed to let him walk home alone from summer camp. They agreed to meet halfway.

But Kletzky apparently got lost, police said, stopping to ask Aron for directions. The boy was caught on police videotape entering the man's gold sedan.

The Hasidic community organized patrols, searching desperately for the boy and papering the neighborhood with "missing" signs. That was when Aron "panicked," New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said. "And that is why he killed the boy."

Kelly said the "horrendous" incident could not be fully explained: There are no signs the boy was molested and a motive for the abduction is unclear. When police entered Aron's apartment, they found Kletzky's remains, including severed feet, in the refrigerator.

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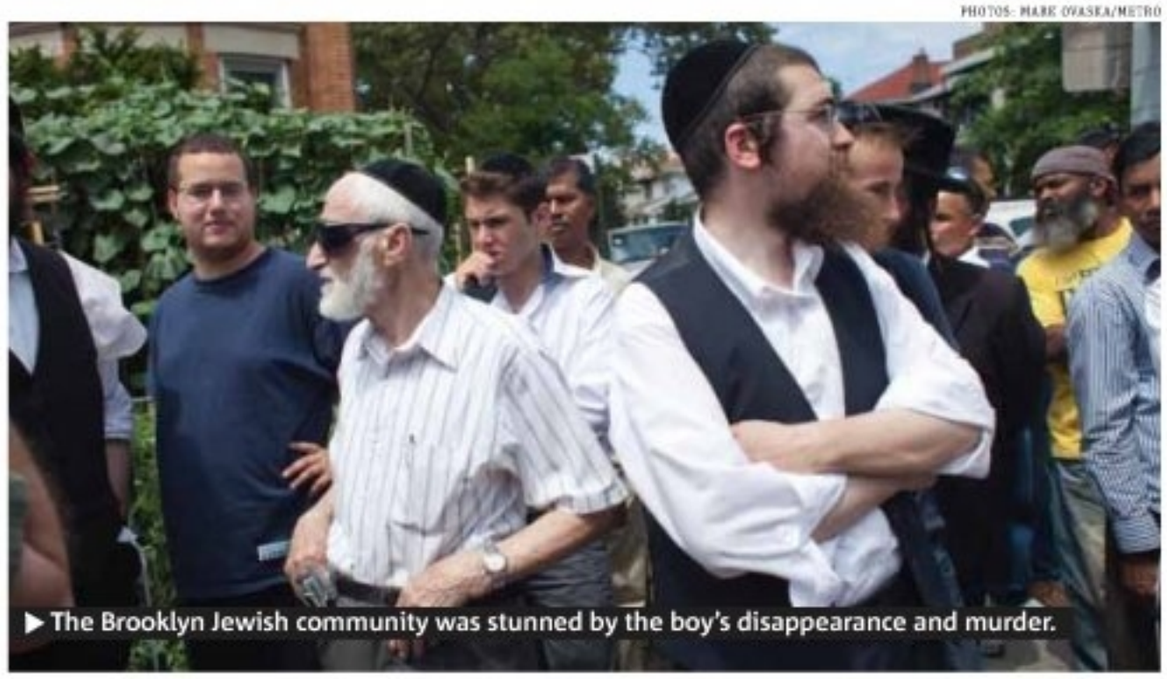

▶ The Brooklyn Jewish community was stunned by the boy's disappearance and murder.

Who is Levi Aron?

- He had no prior record, other than one summons for public urination.
- He is an Orthodox Jew.
- He suffered brain injuries as a child in a car crash, according to reports, and has been described by those who know him as "slow."

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▶ Police towed Levi Aron's gold sedan yesterday.

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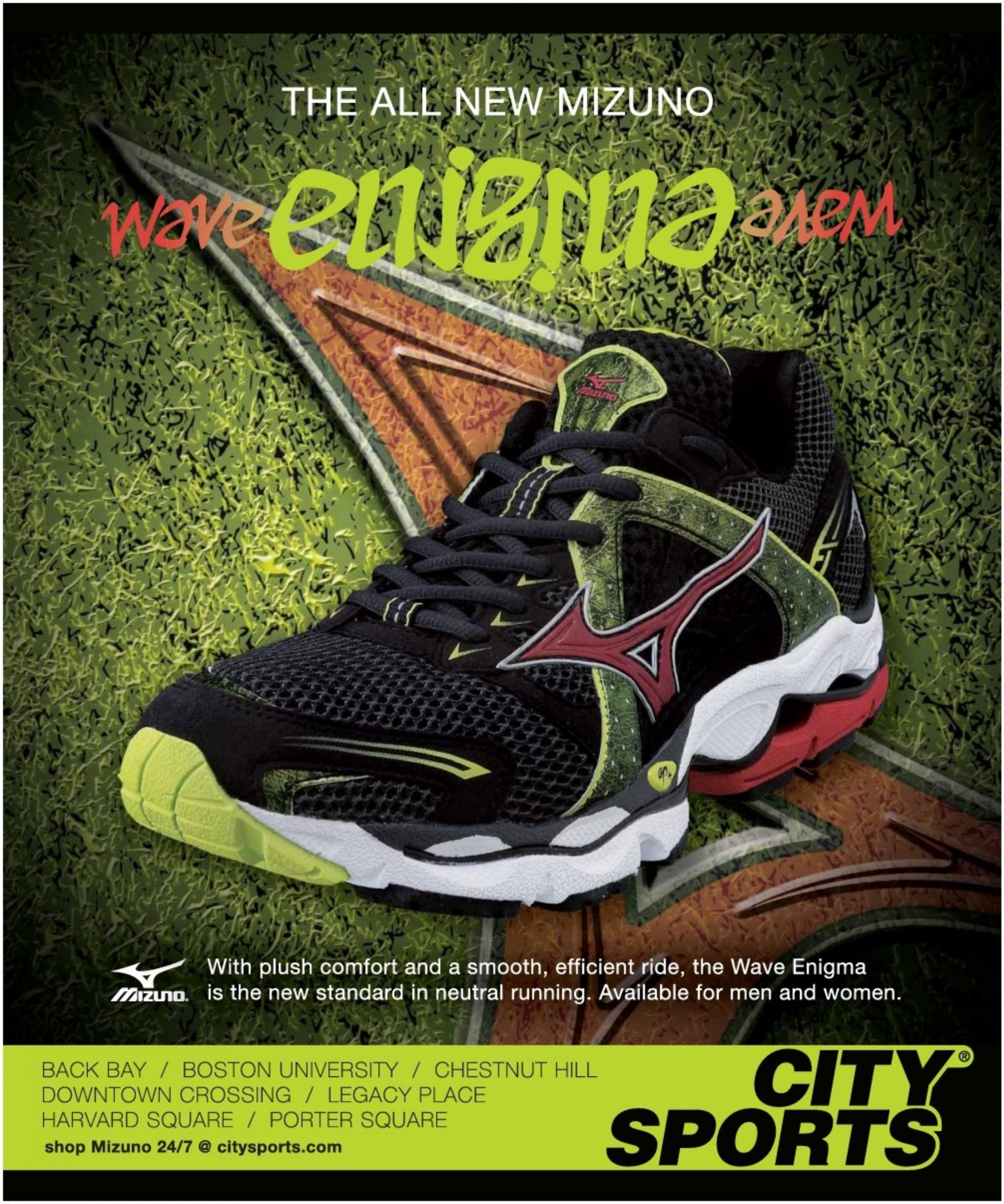
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▶ Speaker of the House John Boehner has taken a hard line on budget and debt limit talks between Congress and the White House.

◗ Poll: Americans lack faith that the government can put its partisan bickering aside and solve nation's impending debt crisis ◗ Politicians seize the political opportunity

Quoted

"There is no alternative. You either honor your obligations or you don't; and if you don't, you make terrible choices."

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN JAY CARNEY, RESPONDING TO THE IDEA OF PRIORITIZING PAYMENTS SHOULD CONGRESS NOT RAISE THE DEBT CEILING BY AUG. 2

Americans are deeply pessimistic about the future as economic concerns rise and White House talks on raising the U.S. debt limit sputter, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released yesterday.

The number of Americans who believe the country is on the wrong track rose to 63 percent this month, up from 60 percent in June, with high unemployment and prolonged gridlock in Washington dashing hopes of a swift

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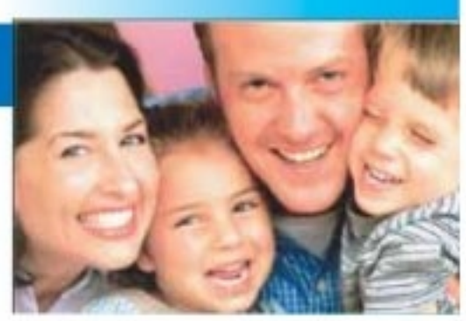

NO FAITH

Money talks

The poll found more than half of Americans think the economy is the country's most pressing problem.

- This poll signals the first time a public majority has put the economy at the top of the list since shortly after Obama took office.
- Talks between Obama and congressional leaders on raising the debt ceiling have made little progress.
- Republicans have insisted on spending cuts, while Democrats want tax increases, and neither side seems willing to budge.

economic recovery.

But voters do not appear to be holding President Barack Obama responsible for the problems so far. Obama's approval rating held relatively steady at 49 percent, down 1 percentage point from June. His approval rating among independents — a group Obama needs to win re-election — fell to 39 percent from 44 percent.

Obama's standing could deteriorate quickly if the economy does not begin to generate jobs and if Washington cannot show it is capable of solving problems, Ipsos pollster Julie Clark said. "If those things don't happen, Obama will be in for a real challenge in getting re-elected next year," Clark said.

Obama and Republicans have hit an impasse in negotiations to raise America's borrowing limit before the government runs out of money to pay all of its bills on Aug. 2. That could force the government to try to prioritize its payments.

The sputtering economy and high unemployment are certain to dominate the race for the White House in 2012, and the Republican candidates for the nomination to challenge Obama repeatedly have criticized his economic leadership. REUTERS

WH: 'No' on balance deal

WASHINGTON. White House spokesman Jay Carney said that Rep. Boehner's proposal for a balanced-budget amendment is not needed to cut the deficit, and that would amount to ducking responsibility. REUTERS

36%
Asked what bills the government should stop paying if the debt limit is not raised, 36 percent listed creditors like banks.

12% **Those listing government departments (like agriculture, education)**

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Fed come to the rescue?

WASHINGTON. The U.S. Federal Reserve is ready to ease monetary policy further if economic growth and inflation slow much more, chairman Ben Bernanke said.

While holding to a view that recent economic softness would eventually pass, he appeared less confident in that projection and more willing to entertain the possibility of another round of stimulus. REUTERS

Obama, king of fundraising

WASHINGTON. President Obama raised a record-shattering $86 million for his re-election campaign from April to June, easily eclipsing all Republican challengers. REUTERS

Poll: Romney leading pack

WASHINGTON. Mitt Romney easily leads rival Michele Bachmann in a matchup of the two top-declared candidates for the GOP presidential nomination, according to the poll. REUTERS

Gingrich tough on withdrawal

CHARLESTON, S.C. Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich said that as presiden,t he would draw down troops in Iraq and Afghanistan as quickly as possible. REUTERS

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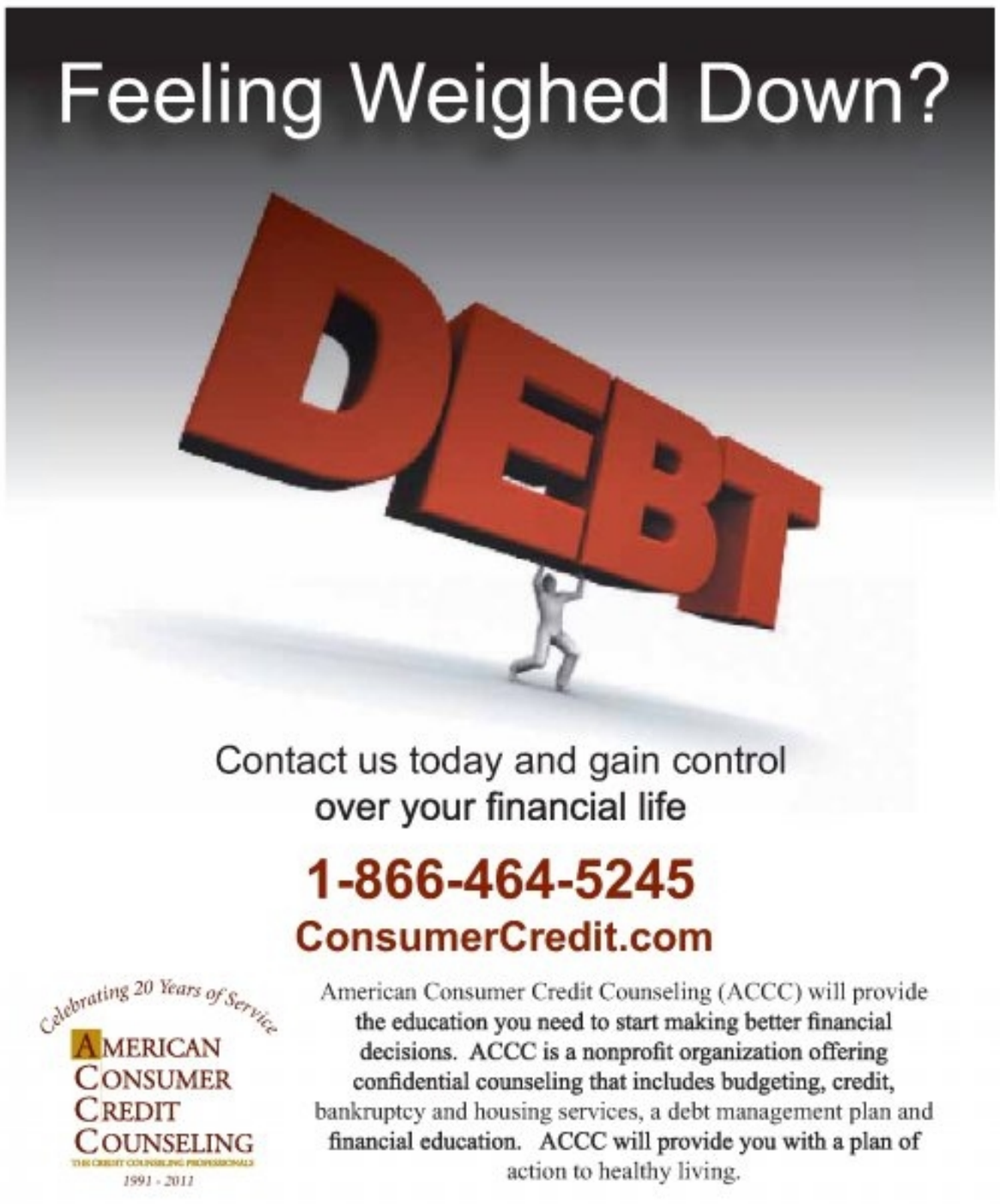
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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Today, Tom Hanks is worried about the weekend freeway closure in L.A., Steve Martin is bound to be disappointed, Albert Brooks wants to fix the system and Seth MacFarlane is trying to understand children.

▶ **@tomhanks**
This weekend, LA! Avoid Carmageddon, Gas-zilla, 405-enstein, Grid-lock-apalooza! STAY HOME. Eat & shop local!

▶ **@SteveMartin**
ToGo: I hear I'm getting a great review in News of the the World next Sunday. Can't wait!

▶ **@AlbertBrooks**
I think we have to start electing presidents for one six year term. Trying to get re-elected ruins everything.

▶ **@SethMacFarlane**
I think little kids cry a lot because they can't have margaritas yet.

Hanks

Things are in the clear for these stars

Even though he's got a 1-year-old at home with wife **Paula Patton**, singer **Robin Thicke** wasn't too busy to fete the new Remy Martin V cognac at LAVO NYC on Tuesday night. Robin performed for the crowd and told us that life with his new son Julian is "amazing" and "couldn't be better." "I picked the right woman, so that's the first key," he added. Since V is Remy Martin's first foray into clear spirits, we asked celebs in attendance to tell us something that they are totally clear about in their lives.

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▶ Robin Thicke on Tuesday night.

Robin Thicke: "I'm clear that family comes first. That's what I'm sure about."
Tyson Beckford, supermodel: "I'm clear that tomorrow I gotta get up and work out, so there won't be no heavy drinking tonight."
Kat DeLuna, singer: "Definitely what I want. I'm always clear about what I want, and the decisions that I'm going to make. I think that's very important."
Tika Sumpter, actress and "Gossip Girl" star: "That I love myself, with all my heart, more than anybody else can love me, and that I wanna inspire and empower other women in my life. I wanna change little girls' lives, I wanna change older women's lives. I'm very clear on that."
Cindy Barshop, "The Real Housewives of New York": "That I'm gonna be the best mother that there could be."
Laz Alonso, actor: "That it's hot out here, I'm sweating and I got sweat dripping down my back right now."
Kenny Santucci, MTV's "Real World/Road Rules Challenge": "I'm really not clear about much in my life. I like to keep things pretty blurry. A little hazy."

— With additional reporting by Meredith Engel

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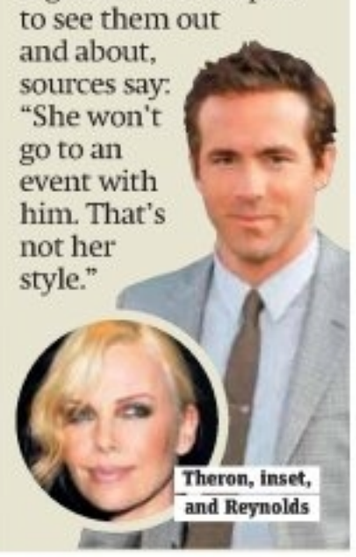
A new lady for Ryan Reynolds?

Ryan Reynolds and **Charlize Theron** are reportedly an item, according to Us Weekly. "[The two actors] have been dating — for months! They're exclusive, and it's very hush-hush," a source says. Last year, Reynolds split from ex-wife **Scarlett Johansson**, while Theron broke up with longtime partner **Stuart Townsend**. While the new couple is reportedly quite happy together, don't expect to see them out and about, sources say: "She won't go to an event with him. That's not her style."



Theron, inset, and Reynolds

Talking points

No more kiddies for the Beckhams

Victoria and **David Beckham** happily welcomed their fourth child — and first daughter — earlier this week, but don't expect them to be welcoming a fifth. Friends of the couple say baby Harper will be their last, according to People magazine. "She was saying, 'I just want her to get here and want to be holding her in my arms – not in my belly,'" a source says of Victoria in the weeks leading up to the birth. "She had not been all that tired until the end, when it is just so hard to be active so pregnant."

A marriage is still in the works

While they've resisted the urge to tie the knot during their six years together, **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie** are reportedly ready to walk down the aisle, three separate sources confirm to Us Weekly. The ceremony could happen as soon as this summer and would likely take place at the couple's newly renovated Chateau Miraval in Correns, France, which includes a chapel on its grounds.

Jolie and Pitt

SJP: Still nervous

Sarah Jessica Parker says that, despite having plenty of experience in front of the camera, she still gets nervous at the start of each project — and her new film is no different. "I lose my appetite," she tells Vogue. "By Wednesday of the first week on 'I Don't Know How She Does It,' I was sobbing. I was apologizing. I was feeling so awful and ashamed, like I had let the director down."

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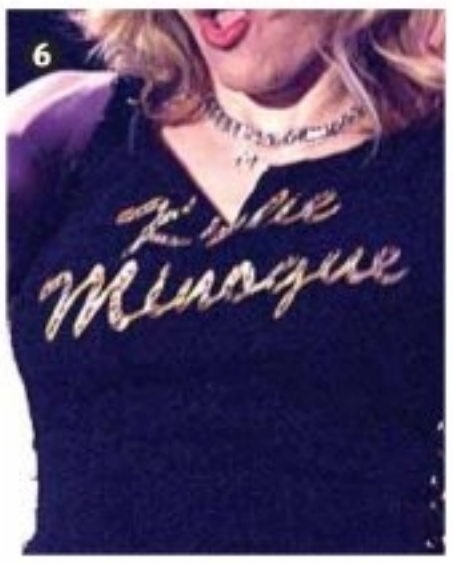

1: Justin Bieber wore a Kelly Kapowski (aka Tiffani Thiessen) T-shirt to the 22nd Annual MuchMusic Video Awards on June 19 in Toronto.

2: Then, in a lovely response, Thiessen wore a T-shirt showing her love of the Biebs to the "Horrible Bosses" premiere on June 23 in New York.

3: Willow Smith got into the celebrity T-shirt game by wearing a pic of her dad, Will Smith, to the BET Awards on June 26 in Los Angeles.

4: Bret Michaels of Poison showed his love of, well, himself at the bands' 25th Anniversary Tour on June 15 in San Francisco.

5: Evan Rachel Wood wore a shirt with Dennis Hopper on it to the "Curb Your Enthusiasm" Season 8 premiere on July 6 in New York City.

6,7: And then there's the original gangster: Madonna. She wore a Britney Spears T-shirt and then a Kylie Minogue one all the way back in 2000.

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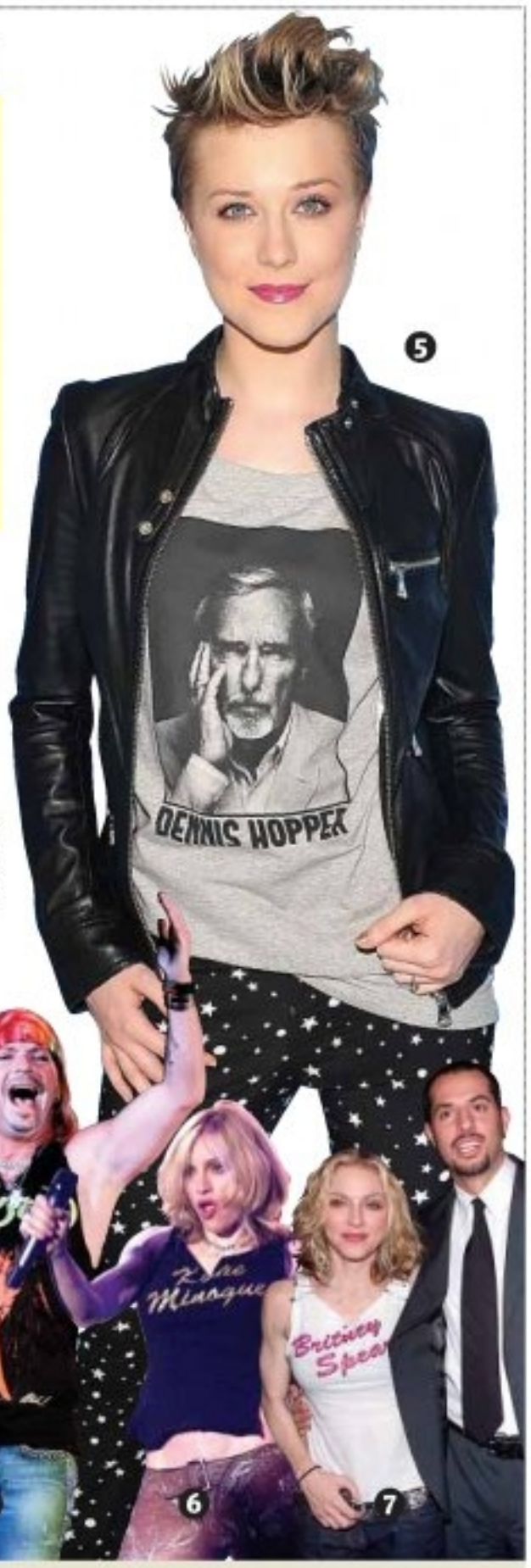

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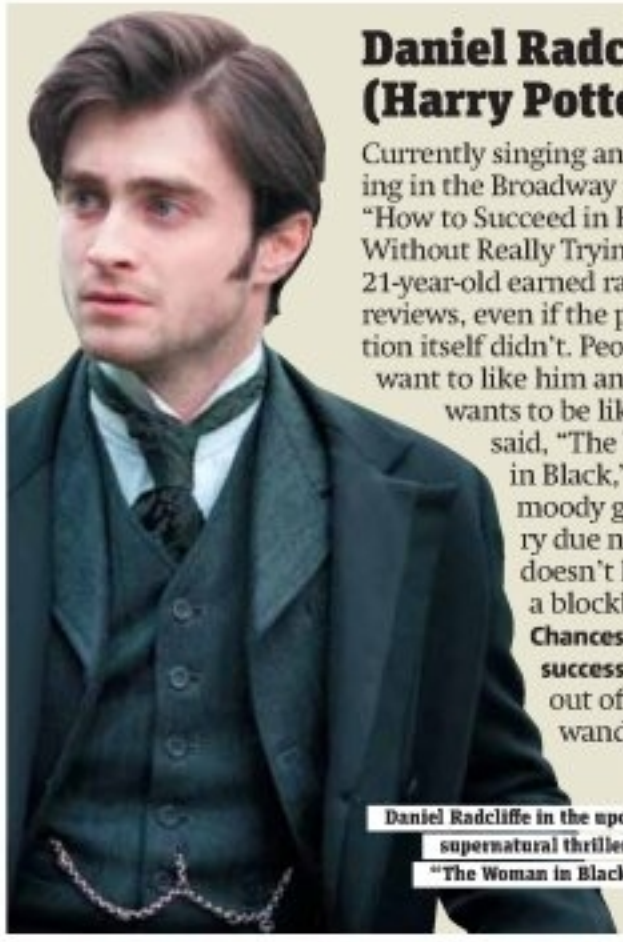
What's next for Potter stars?

'The Deathly Hallows: Part 2' marks the end of the movies, but not the careers of its cast — right? Here are few ideas as to what they'll do next



Daniel Radcliffe in the upcoming supernatural thriller "The Woman in Black"

Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter)

Currently singing and dancing in the Broadway musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," the 21-year-old earned rave reviews, even if the production itself didn't. People want to like him and he wants to be liked. That said, "The Woman in Black," a moody ghost story due next year, doesn't look like a blockbuster.

Chances of future success: Four out of five wands

Emma Watson (Hermione)
Already a fashion magazine staple, Watson has left the genre ghetto for trendy indies. She's just finished filming "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," a comedy co-starring Paul Rudd, and will star opposite Michelle Williams in "My Week with Marilyn," about Marilyn Monroe. Sadly, she won't have a college degree to fall back on just yet — Watson left Brown University last fall before graduating, but will return in the fall.

Chances of success: Five out of five wands

Rupert Grint (Ron)
Is he ambitious, or just a stoner? Either way, "Ron" will continue to do what he did in between "Potter" films: make likeable movies that no one will see, including the war drama "Comrade" and "Eddie the Eagle," about the U.K.'s first Olympic ski jumper.

Chances of success: Three out of five wands

Alan Rickman (Snape)
He's always chasing Harry Potter — now all the way to Broadway. Rickman will star in "The Seminar," a new play, this fall.

Chances of success: How dare you ask? After "Die Hard," "Potter" and countless plays, the man's a legend. Plus, we're too scared to say otherwise.

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Tom Felton (Draco Malfoy)

He can die saying he starred in "Harry Potter" and was Emma Watson's first on-set crush; what more does Felton need to do? His choice: Getting attacked by primates in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes," out this August.

Chances of success: Two out of five wands

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▶ Tom Felton appears in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" this August.

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TV watch list

▶ "Wilfred"

'Louie'

COMEDY. After Louie bombs at a standup show in Atlantic City, guest star Joan Rivers gives him a casino pep talk. And, hopefully, sticks around for a couple drinks.
10:30 p.m., FX

'Wilfred'

COMEDY. Wilfred takes his first trip to doggie day care. Who will it be harder on: the pup, or the troubled, depressed man (Elijah Wood) who perceives Wilfred as an Australian man in a dog costume? **10 p.m., FX**

'So You Think You Can Dance'

REALITY. Two of the top 12 hopefuls go home, and former Pussycat Doll/current reality TV staple Nicole Scherzinger performs.
8 p.m., FOX

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10 Reasons to cool off at the movies this weekend

2 'Winnie the Pooh' No 3-D or CGI in this super-sweet new Pooh movie — just a purely delightful little film set in the Hundred Acre Wood.

3 'Horrible Bosses' No one likes working for a man-eater, psychopath or total jerk — but only a few of us would actually embark on eliminating said bosses. Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day and Jason Bateman star as three hard-working men who attempt to do just that.

4 'Zookeeper' Fans of Kevin James will likely enjoy his romp around a Boston zoo, where talking animals give him dating advice.

5 'Transformers: Dark of the Moon' Michael Bay has paid for the sins of the last "Transformers" film with this straightened-out sequel, which features fight scenes where you can actually see what's going on.

Must-see

'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2'

1 There's no doubt that Harry Potter is going to rule this weekend's box office with his wizarding. We just decided to run a "Pooh" pic right here because, well, haven't you gotten enough Harry on page 12 over there?

6 'Larry Crowne' It's nice to see Tom Hanks do something funny after so many dour films. As "Crowne," he's a down-on-his-luck good guy trying to rebuild his life by going to community college.

▶ Winnie the Pooh and Eeyore star in the second-most anticipated movie of the weekend, "Winnie the Pooh."

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7 'Monte Carlo' Leighton Meester, Katie Cassidy and Selena Gomez star in this tweenified story of three girls traveling in Paris who are whisked away to Monte Carlo when one of them is mistaken for a British heiress.

8 'Cars 2' Owen Wilson and Larry the Cable Guy return to voice Lightning McQueen and Mater as they head to the World Prix Grand race.

9 'Bad Teacher' "Bad Teacher," "Horrible Bosses" ... apparently we're having a bit of an employment crisis in Hollywood. This one stars Cameron Diaz as a lazy junior high teacher who decides to get her act together to woo a hot new colleague (Justin Timberlake).

10 'Conan O'Brien Can't Stop' If you're not sick of Conan O'Brien making jokes about last year's NBC drama, then you need to see this no-holds-barred account of the comedy tour he went on once he lost his "Tonight Show" spot to Jay Leno.

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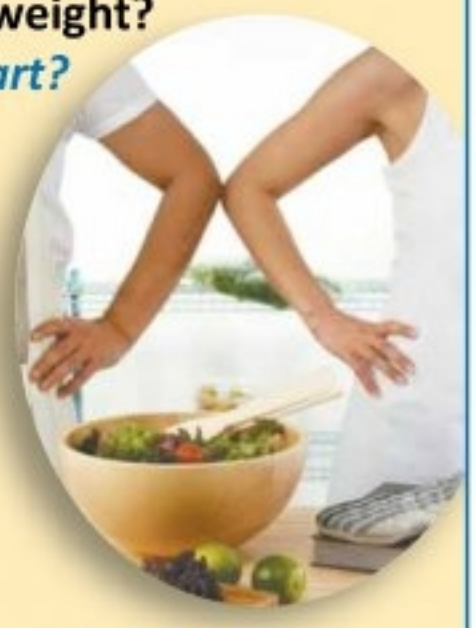

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ROCKIN' ROLLER COASTER

Vince Neil talks old bad habits, new stage props and business as usual with Motley Crue

▶ The Crue's all here, and with a roller coaster for drummer Tommy Lee, which you can see on the left side of this photo.

Vince Neil is not a man of many words. This isn't surprising, considering that most of the words he sings with Motley Crue were written by Nikki Sixx anyway. We spoke with Neil from his tour bus in Tampa.

I've read that you guys have something called a drum roller coaster on this tour. How has that been working?
Oh it's great. I mean, people are loving it. It's obviously something different.

When you're rehearsing for the tour, at what point does something like a drum roller coaster come into the picture?
At the very end. ... Our very first U.S. show was Dallas, so we set up in the place where we were playing for like three days, then rehearsed the new set. We did pyro, the roller coaster and then everything else.

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On this tour, you let fans select the set lists. Any surprises?
No. I mean, a lot of the songs we knew were gonna be on there, obviously like "Girls, Girls, Girls" and "Wild Side" and "[Dr.] Feelgood" and "Home Sweet Home." ... But some of them, like "Smokin' in the Boys Room" was a big fan favorite. We hadn't played that in a long time. And then "Too Young To Fall In Love," which we hadn't played in like 20 years.

Is that because you reached an age where you weren't too young to fall in love?
Well, that song was written 25 years ago. [Laughs] It's just a song, man.

Nikki wrote a lot of the songs. When you sing those words after all these years, do you get something new out of it?
Well, no. I mean, I'm performing. I'm not acting out those words, I'm singing a song. ... That's all.

Has life on the road slowed down over the years, or is it still like the Crue bio, "The Dirt: Confessions of the World's Most Notorious Rock Band"?
Well, we were a young band. We've been together for 30 years now, you know. You don't do those things. We're not drug addicts like we were. There are things that you do when you're 20 years old you don't do when you're 50.

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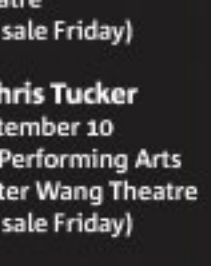

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Poison and the Dolls

You're touring with Poison and the New York Dolls. The first incarnation of the Dolls had imploded by the time the Crue first came out. Tell me about how they influenced you.
If you read any of our early bios, the New York Dolls were one of our influences for Motley Crue. The style, not only fashion style, but the song style. If you listen to a lot of stuff on the first record, you can hear some Dolls in there. We love those kind of bands, like the Sweet, that kind of glam, that's what we kind of fashioned ourselves as.

Are there any collaborations on this tour where you guys are sharing the stage with Poison or with the Dolls?
No, no. We do our set, you know. This isn't a jam session. We have a lot of pyro and a lot of visual stuff. We do our job, they do their jobs.

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Stephen Marley — Revelation Part 1: The Root of Life Tour

Friday, 7 p.m.
House of Blues
This five-time Grammy award winner (and son of legendary reggae god Bob Marley) has returned to his reggae roots with a vengeance. Marley has said his new album is a retaliation against those who believe the genre is on a downward spiral. If anyone could prove reggae is still alive, it'd be you, Stephen.

▶ Marley

Lil Wayne

with Rick Ross, Keri Hilson, Far East Movement and Lloyd
Sunday, 7 p.m.
Comcast Center
Lil Wayne and his notoriously large and controversial entourage are joined by, among others, "Pretty Girl" Keri Hilson, "Hustlin'" Rick Ross and Far East Movement. The show also features an artist who is billed simply as Lloyd. Like Madonna, Shakira and Cher, Lloyd felt his name had the certain panache that needs no last name. Sorry Lloyd, some artists just weren't born to have a mononym. Then again, his real last name is Polite, so maybe he did make the right choice.

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going out

A promising thing happened on the way to this Forum

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Considering Vox Populi was the name of the restaurant that once occupied this space on Boylston Street, it's logical to consider Forum, which just opened last night, as another nod to the bustling plaza and political center of ancient Rome. No politics at the bar these days of course, and no gladiatorial contests, although this Forum is meant to attract a broad citizenry. There's a large 45-seat bar downstairs, a small cafe area leading to the street-side patio and additional lounge seating. Upstairs is a more elegant experience, with a 10-seat bar better suited for intimate conversation.

If the cream leather and bar chairs remind you of Noche, it's no coincidence, since Forum is from the ownership group. Thankfully, they haven't enlisted the people who designed Noche's cocktail list. Beverage and wine director Alexei Beratis, most recently crafting quality cocktails at the hit-or-miss bar scene at the nearby Towne, is on the job here.

At either bar, you'll find the fruits of Beratis' cocktail excursions, like the Charlemagne, made with Plymouth gin, agave nectar, fresh lime and egg whites.

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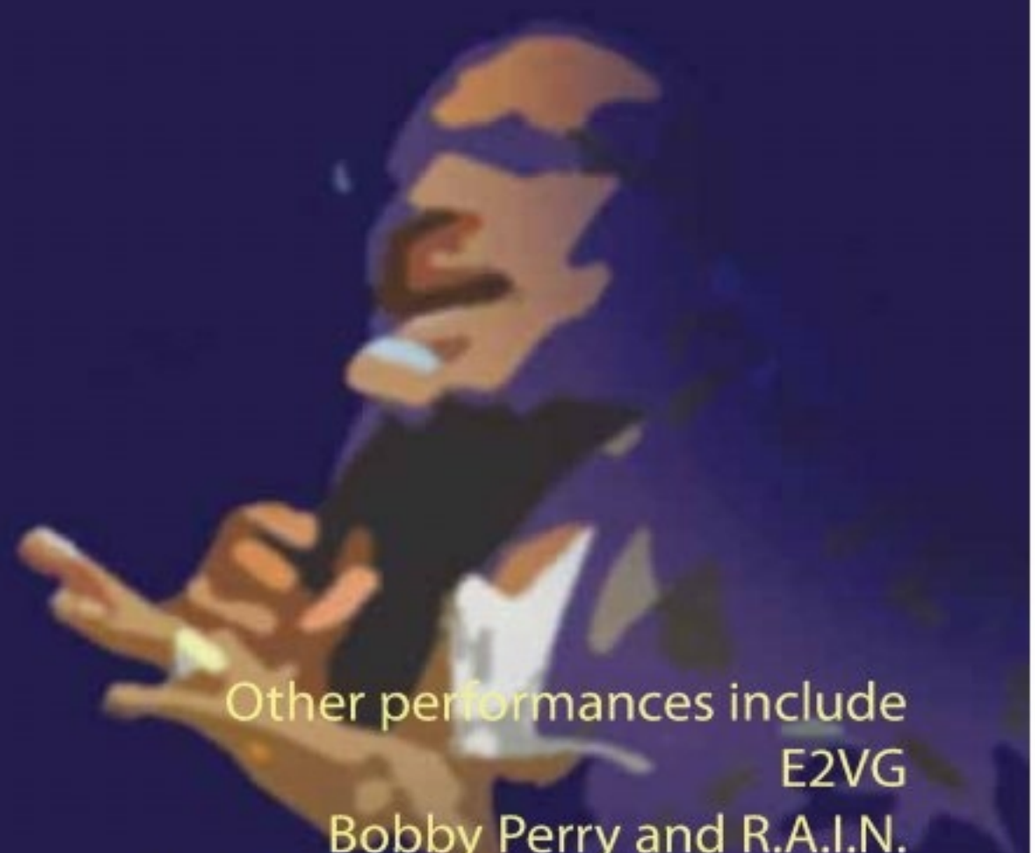

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RE: "DEBT DEBATE, THE SECOND DAY": Yeah, down with the "nanny do-gooder" for nothing state. For a start, let's first do away with the departments of disinformation: EPA, DEP, FEMA, FDA, TSA, DOE, DOJ, FBI, CIA, IRS, NASA, FDIC. Then down with Medicare and Social Security and finally down with all the minimum wage and burdensome child labor laws. After that, we can bring back the sweat shops from the third world so that we won't have any competition. **SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL**

President Obama's stubborn and infantile refusal to raise the mythical and meaningless debt limit without conditions shows his true colors — and it isn't black, it's red! His aim will plunge our country into a national financial chaos. If his politics remain intact, he is similar to a terrorist, void of physical weaponry but just as capable of inflicting injury to all. In the end, Obama — blowing off his usual oratorical hot air and threats — knows that he must elevate the debt ceiling or face detrimental consequences, including his own failed presidency. **PETER ZACCONE, VIA E-MAIL**

I cannot fathom why Kelly Donnoe wants our country to become a third-world sweatshop. That's not the kind of country I want to raise my children in. **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

The United States is one of the least-taxed advanced economies on the planet. Back in the good old days, under such Republican administrations as Eisenhower, Nixon and even Reagan, upper tax rates reached 70 percent to more than 90 percent, compared to a meager 35 percent today. The notion that now, as the country teeters toward bankruptcy, we must not consider increasing taxes as one means of putting our fiscal house in order is nothing more than a political soap box the Republicans have perched themselves on. **CRAIG SHOEMAKE, VIA E-MAIL**

The delusional thinking behind such "nanny do-gooder" commie ideas is very old indeed. In "The Wisdom of the Bones" paleoanthropologists demonstrate how, hundreds of thousands of years ago, a member of the species Homo erectus was kept alive for weeks, despite a crippling disease, by the nurturance of a bleeding-heart conspecific. It is certainly time that we stopped acting like cavepeople and marched boldly into the Brave New World! **ROBERT B. PIERCE, MALDEN**

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Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Hold off on making any important agreements with another. Although people mean well, it isn't likely they would stand the test of time.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** People in general tend to want to shift their burdens onto someone else, so if anybody thinks you're an easy mark, this person will try to dump his or her work in your lap. Don't be had.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Depending too heavily on Lady Luck instead of your own abilities will guarantee you to fail at whatever it is you're trying to pull off. Avoid getting involved in anything chancy.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Don't be unduly awed by titles or trappings. Just because someone has a title doesn't necessary make him or her bigger than life. It only defines the job the person is assigned to do.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** For the sake of peace, don't let yourself be drawn into a debate with someone who loves to argue. You won't be able to turn him or her off.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It's wise to abide by your instincts about participating in any kind of financial debate with someone who always thinks he or she is right.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Underestimating the competition is always a mistake. Thus, regardless of how inept you think someone is, take him or her seriously.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Think twice before absentmindedly being unrealistically generous to someone who doesn't deserve it. There's a good chance that on impulse you'll give away something you'll regret.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you have a choice, avoid any gathering where someone who makes you feel uncomfortable is likely to be in attendance. You won't have any fun.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** It would be best not to depend on another to do something for you that you know the person really doesn't want to do. She or he will either do a bad job or totally let you down.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't try to impose your views on someone who you know will be unreceptive to what you have to say. All you'll accomplish is making this person stand even firmer.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** The handling of your resources isn't likely to be your strong suit today, so it behooves you to be as prudent as you can. Additionally, it would be wise not to offer any financial advice. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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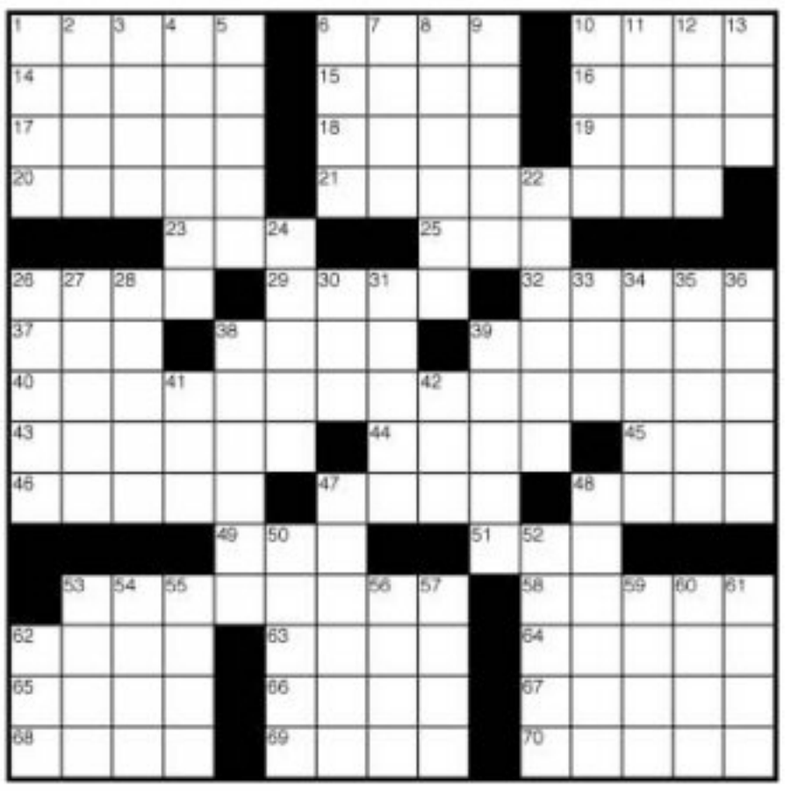

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Vyke enters the VoIP marketplace

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On a cell phone, the service is accessed by downloading an app that runs in the background and which opens automatically when a user makes a call.

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Vyke bytes

- Calls can be made from a cell phone, landline or PC.
- Vyke offers interception on calls for Symbian (Nokia) and RIM (BlackBerry) handsets. All calls — domestic and international — can be routed through a Vyke account.
- Vyke will offer the same service in iPhone and Android within six weeks.
- Visit www.vyke.com (or m.vyke.com on a cell phone) to get started.

Tore Hellebo, CEO of Vyke, told Metro: "It's a crowded VoIP market out there, but we firmly believe VykeMobile has a strong and differentiated positioning. We anticipate significant growth over the next six months as we establish ourselves among the key VoIP players by year end."

Vyke has also launched VykeZone; for just 25 cents for up to an hour, it allows calls from a mobile phone or landline to 25 landline destinations.

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Japan 3, Sweden 1

THE DEAL:

Japan came back from a goal down to beat Sweden and clinch a berth opposite the U.S. in Sunday's Women's World Cup final.

ANALYSIS:

Honestly? Good result for the Americans. The Japanese aren't pushovers — they beat host Germany, after all. But Sweden probably had a stronger chance against the U.S. The Americans' physical presence ultimately paid off against France. They have an even bigger advantage there over Japan.

2 Nahomi Kawasumi scored two goals for Japan, tallying in minutes 19 and 64.

Japan might have the most talented scorer in the tournament. **Homare Sawa** is even with Marta for the World Cup lead with four goals.

Japan scored three unanswered goals to beat Sweden.

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▶ Alex Morgan (second from right) celebrates her clinching goal against France in the Women's World Cup semifinals yesterday. The U.S. won, 3-1.

Americans move on to WWC final

First title game for US since 1999 ◐ 3-1 win over France was in doubt ◐ Wambach the hero once more

For the first time in 12 years, the U.S. women's national soccer team is headed back to the World Cup final.

And just like last time, they'll be facing an Asian squad for the title.

The Americans overcame a frantic French attack yesterday, winning their semifinal, 3-1.

Hours later, Japan punched its own ticket to the final with a 3-1 comeback win over Sweden.

The U.S. took its only two matchups with Japan at the Women's World Cup, in 1991 and 1995.

In 1999, the last time the Americans played in the tournament final, they famously topped China in penalty kicks.

A return trip to the championship game seemed unlikely early in the second half yesterday, when France wiped out the Americans' 1-0 lead and threatened to go ahead themselves.

But after being badly dominated in the midfield for a half-hour, the Americans showed better conditioning late. Abby Wambach — the hero of Sunday's quarterfinal against Brazil — headed in the eventual game-winner in the 79th minute.

Alex Morgan sealed things with a pretty floater three minutes later.

"We haven't done anything the easy way, and we've had some serious ups and downs," said forward Lauren Cheney, who assisted on Wambach's go-ahead goal. "I think we just continue to follow our own path.

"You always want it to be 5-0 and you always want to have a great game and prove to everybody how great you are, but that's not for us."

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Tale of the tape

World Cup final: United States vs. Japan

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▶ **How they got here**
The U.S. went 2-1-0 in Group C, then beat Brazil and France in the knockout rounds. Japan went 2-1-0 in Group B, then beat Germany and Sweden in the knockout rounds.

▶ **Head to head**
The Americans and Japanese have played twice this year, with the U.S. winning by identical 2-0 scores. The U.S. handed Japan its largest defeat of all time on April 29, 1999, winning 9-0.

▶ **Quoted**
"We've achieved part of our goal," Abby Wambach said. "We're in the final. We want to complete it."

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▶ Josh Beckett didn't pitch for the AL in Tuesday's All-Star Game after more problems with his left knee.

Flashback to 2010 in rotation

As second half dawns, injury bug biting Red Sox again ◐ Wakefield is nice ◐ But they need their big guns

The Red Sox enter the season's second half exactly where they were scripted to be: In first place with the best record in the American League, riding a six-game winning streak.

The journey there was hardly by the book, though: The Sox opened the season 2-10. And as Boston prepares to open the second half tomorrow night against the Rays, their hold on the AL East — and a postseason berth — is tenuous, as the same injury bug that decimated the 2010 season threatens again.

To that end, Josh Beckett didn't pitch in Tuesday's All-Star Game after experiencing more difficulty with his hyperextended left knee warming up.

Beckett presented a picture of calm, saying he could have pitched had it been a regular-season game. But with one starter (Daisuke Matsuzaka) done for the year and two more (Clay Buchholz, Jon Lester) also on the DL with tricky injuries, the Sox can ill afford to lose more hurlers.

Boston has gotten nice lifts from starters old (Tim Wakefield) and young (Andrew Miller), and even the punching bag known as John Lackey offered a glimmer of second-half hope with his outing against Baltimore last Saturday.

But they will require a healthy Beckett, Lester and Buchholz to keep the Rays and Yankees at arm's length.

Good news

Not all the Red Sox's injury news is bad.

OF Carl Crawford is close to returning. That will help in general, with J.D. Drew failing to provide much of anything in right field.

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United moving on to Seattle

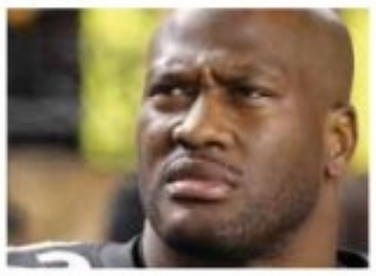
Manchester United is headed cross-country after last night's exhibition against the Revolution.

The English Premier League champs are scheduled to continue their preseason U.S. tour next Wednesday in Seattle.

19 Manchester United has won England's top division 19 times. That's one more than second-best Liverpool.

After that, it's on to Chicago for a friendly with the Fire, followed by a date with the MLS All-Stars in New Jersey. That's all leadup to the Red Devils facing Barcelona in Washington D.C. METRO

Harrison goes after NFL boss



Safe to say James Harrison doesn't like Roger Goodell very much.

The oft-fined Steelers LB rips the commish in August's Men's Journal magazine.

"If that man was on fire and I had to piss to put him out, I wouldn't do it," Harrison told the magazine.

"I hate him and will never respect him."

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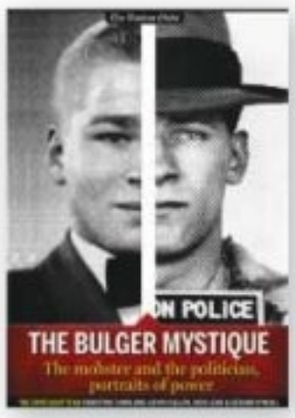

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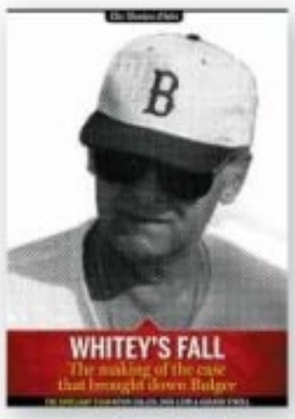

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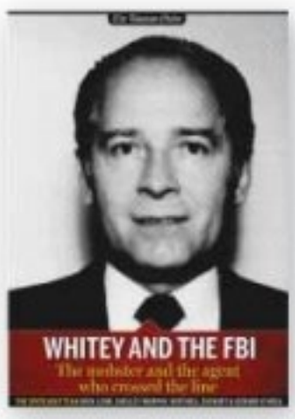

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In 2006, Tomlinson set the standard for fantasy seasons by scoring 31 touchdowns and piling up 2,323 total yards. Thanks to Vick's unique talents, he can top that.

Projecting numbers

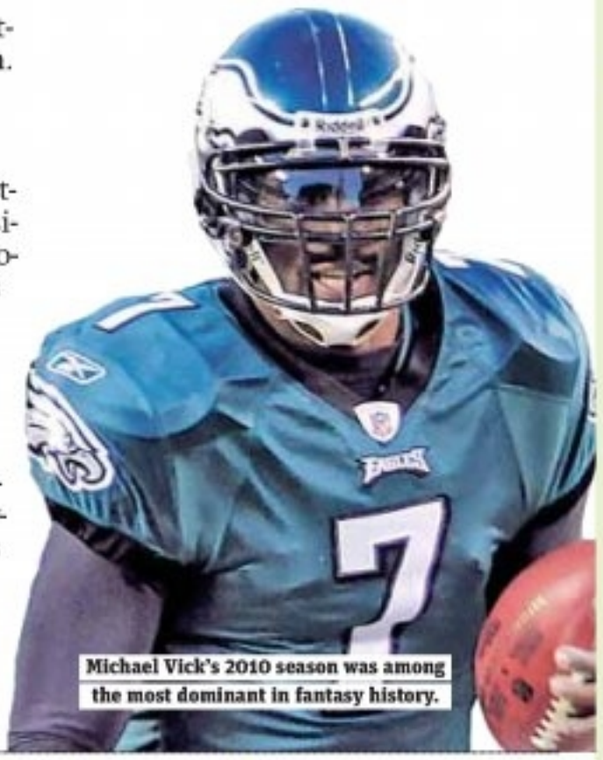
Vick started 12 games last season. If we project those stats over 16 games, he would have thrown for 4,024 yards, ran for 901 and racked up 40 total touchdowns. That obliterates Tomlinson's 2006 campaign.

A step ahead

Before last season, Vick hadn't started a game since 2006. It's very possible that he can get even more explosive and improve even more on his passing touch in 2011.

The injury question

The reckless running style that makes Vick so good in fantasy is also his biggest drawback. But injury-prone? Vick missed just two games over his final three seasons with the Falcons and the lack of a flak jacket caused last year's injury. In the middle of the first round, Vick's upside is worth the risk.



Michael Vick's 2010 season was among the most dominant in fantasy history.

NFL news

No Moreno?

▶ Coach John Fox said that running back will be the Broncos' No. 1 priority in free agency. It's surprising — yet obvious — that the team isn't sold on **Knowshon Moreno** as a workhorse back. Downgrade Moreno across the board.

Top MLB pickups

Bobby Parnell

▶ **RP, Mets**
With Francisco Rodriguez now a setup man in Milwaukee, Parnell is the favorite for saves in New York.

Cory Luebke

▶ **SP, Padres**
Clayton Richard (shoulder) is shelved, locking Luebke into the rotation. He has a 64/18 K/BB ratio this season.

Luke Gregerson

▶ **RP, Padres**
Heath Bell will likely be traded. Mike Adams is in the mix, but Gregerson is the long-term closing option.

MLB speed

Steals is an easy category to make up ground in. Add these guys cheaply:

1

Alex Presley, OF, PIT — Batting leadoff every day and sporting a .424 on-base percentage. Major prospect still has plenty of room to grow at age 25.

2

Cameron Maybin, OF, SD — Only 12 steals so far this year, but now fully healthy. Maybin will start running more.

3

Mike Trout, OF, LAA — Trout is worth holding while we see if he can hold off Peter Bourjos. Stole 56 bases in minors last year.

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▶ Drew Brees enters a meeting.

Owners, players very close?

Is the NFL close to a deal?

A day after the owners declared a July 21 date for ratification of a new collective bargaining agreement, players fired back yesterday with a joint statement. In it, Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees said "it is time" to end the lockout.

"This is the time of year we as players turn our attention to the game on the field. We hope the owners feel the same way," the statement said.

Later, Brees told a San Diego radio station that he thought the two sides were "very close." METRO

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